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REMARKS

Applicant cancels claims 1-6, 8-10, 13-15, and 23-24. Claims 7, 11-12, and 16-22 remain pending in the application. Applicant amends claims 7, 11-12, 16-18, and 21 to independent form. No new matter has been added.

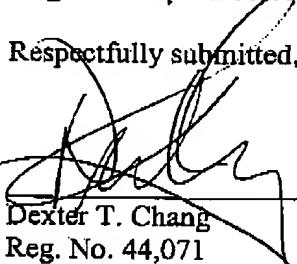
Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's finding that claims 7, 11-12, and 16-22 contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant amends claims 7, 11-12, 16-18, and 21 to independent form, and respectfully request that the Examiner allow claims 7, 11-12, and 16-22.

Claims 1-6, 8-10, 13-15, and 23-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,953,338 to Ma et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,732,186 to Hebert. Applicant cancels the rejected claims.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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